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PRICE FIVE CENTS

RUSSIAN SHIPS AT PORT ARTHUR MAKE SECOND SORTIE



GENERAL RENNENKAMPF AT LIAO-YANG STATION.

Japanese in Pursuit and a Severe Battle is Expected.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

CHEFOO, Aug. 16.—The available vessels at Port Arthur have made another sortie and are now being pursued by the Japanese. A severe engagement is expected.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 16.—The cruiser Askold has been docked at this port and the destroyer Grozovoi is being dismantled.

VLADIVOSTOK, Aug. 16.—Admiral Bezobrazoff, commander of the Vladivostok squadron, is seriously ill.

AFTERNOON REPORT.

CHEFOO, Aug. 15.—It is reported that the Russian cruiser Novik has been sunk.

PEKING, Aug. 15.—The Russian Government charges China with complicity in the Resitelin affair.

TOKIO, Aug. 15.—The Japanese have rescued and landed at Sasebo 600 of the Russian cruiser Rurik's crew.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 15.—The cruisers of the Russian Baltic fleet have received sailing orders and some have already left Cronstadt.

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—The crews of the Czarevitch and other Russian ships making the port have been detained at Kiauchau until the end of the war.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15, 1904.

(Received 2 p. m.)

To JAPANESE CONSUL, Honolulu:

Admiral Kamimura's report runs as follows:

"At dawn on the 14th of August our squadron found off Ulzan, in the Southeastern coast of Korea, three ships of the Vladivostok squadron steaming southward.

"The latter on sight of us attempted to escape northward, which we obstructed, and fighting was commenced at 5:23 a. m.

"The enemy's ships all caught fire several times by our shells and apparently suffered heavily, especially the Rurik.

"Eventually the enemy fled at full speed to the north, leaving behind the Rurik, which afterward sunk. Thereupon our whole squadron started to rescue the drowning Russians and picked up about 600."

TAKAHIRA.

GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT.

BOSTON, Aug. 16.—The Grand Army has begun its national encampment here.

CZAR'S NEW MINISTER.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 16.—Glazoff has been appointed Minister of Instruction.

EXPERT THINKS PORT ARTHUR CANNOT HOLD OUT LONG

We do not at present know whether the Japanese intend to attack Port Arthur or merely to invest it. But it is probable that, if General Oku or some other commander is ordered and able to drive in the Russian garrison at Port Arthur behind the works of the main line of defence and to place his batteries within medium ranges, as the topography of the surrounding country gives him every reason to anticipate that he will be able to do, the storm of fire that will eventually descend upon the forts in the sector chosen for attack should silence these works without great difficulty. Against the high angle fire of heavy howitzers, in positions invisible to the enemy, supported by the sweeping, scythe-like action of shrapnel fired by high velocity guns, fortress defence soon experiences the sense of all its inherent weakness. With ample bomb-proof cover and resolute troops, the enemy may not be driven out; the hotter the fire the less the chance either of reinforcement or retreat. But a closed work can be so wrecked and overwhelmed by the converging fire of distant batteries that its main armament may be reduced to impotence during the progress of the succeeding assault.

The work of landing, transporting, and placing in battery the siege guns required to secure superiority of fire in a given sector is very heavy and must always take time. But it is not necessary that the guns of the attack should be numerically superior to the whole armament of the fortress; all that is required is that they should prove superior to the armament of a given sector of the defence, the fall of which will entail the fall of the whole.

Hitherto the Japanese naval bombardments have been trivial, preliminary, and experimental. What preparations the sailors of Japan may have made to second the efforts of the army we do not know, but it is certain that the navy both expects and intends to play a leading part in the final act and may not confine itself to the action of artillery. But even if it were otherwise, the events of the war show that 12 in. guns can rake the defended area from end to end; they may also prove able to strike in flank and in reverse the forts of the land sector assailed by the army.

Worst of all will be the deplorable situation of the Pacific squadron, cooped up in the narrow harbor like pleasure-boats in Boulter's Lock on a June Sunday, almost wholly defenceless and immobile, and with their decks exposed to the fatal effect of high-angle fire from all points of the horizon.

When this scarious moment arrives the Russian defenders may remember Dragomiroff and his advice so "energetically repudiated," while Englishmen will recall the words of the late Lord Salisbury at the Albert-hall in May, 1898, "I think Russia has made a great mistake in taking Port Arthur; I do not think it is of any use to her whatever."—London Times' War Correspondent.

THE RUSSIAN SUCCESSION.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 16.—The Czar has ordered that, in the event of his death before the majority of his son, the Czarevitch Alexis, the Grand Duke Michael shall assume the Regency and the Empress the guardianship of the imperial heir. This is a curtailment of the influence of the Dowager Empress.

Prior to the birth of a son to the Czar a few days ago, the Grand Duke Michael was heir apparent to the Russian throne. He is twenty-five years old, has travelled considerably, and is said to be a man of liberal ideas.

JAPANESE NOTABLE DEAD.

TOKIO, Aug. 16. Count Kawamura is dead.

WAIKALANI UNPROMISED

Report of Plot to Put a Good Teacher Aside.

"Certainly, Waikalani is not going there. It is not likely that a man whom we discharged a few weeks ago is going to take Mr. Wilson's place, nor is it likely that he has any influence in the matter. Of course, I have not seen Governor Carter on the subject."

A. T. Atkinson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, made the foregoing remarks in answer to a question regarding a story from Hilo of an alleged political fight over the Kalapana school. According to the report, a movement "by one or two individuals" is on foot to obtain the removal of H. E. Wilson as principal of the school, and by placing a strong Home Ruler in his stead gain Republican strength. The yarn goes further to represent Governor Carter as having promised the Young Men's Republican Club in Hilo to make the change, in spite of an overwhelming support of Wilson by the parents of the pupils attending the school. There is a petition numerously signed for his retention.

Wilson is described in the Hilo Tribune as "a stalwart Republican," who "has taught school in Kalapana for ten years," is postmaster and altogether has been a valuable citizen in the community."

Waikalani is the name of Wilson's rival for the pedagogic chair, who is mentioned as "a native school teacher, convicted several years ago in Puna for assault and battery on his pupils." He is further described as "a nature man," one full of crank notions. An instance either of lack of mental balance or of low cunning to deceive others is contained in the statement that Waikalani "claims he has an official letter from the Governor of California ordering Governor Carter to appoint him principal of the Kalapana school."

Governor Carter evinced not the slightest knowledge of the matter when asked about it, but seemed satisfied at hearing that Superintendent Atkinson had already given the story its quietus.

Sale of Argentine Ships.

Regarding the generally reported sale of the Argentine cruisers to Russia, Col. Garcia, now staying in Japan, has received a despatch from the Argentine Minister of the Navy which totally contradicts the story, and declares that the Argentine will adhere to strict neutrality.—Japan Gazette.

The coroner's jury in the case of the Waipahu Korean whose death caused trouble a few weeks ago found that the man died a natural death.

GOES AFTER TOURISTS

Boyd Will Go East to Hypnotize Travel.

Secretary Boyd of the Hawaii Promotion Committee leaves for San Francisco on the Alameda tomorrow to assist in looking after tourist travel towards Honolulu, the idea being to get into personal touch with the delegations of Knights Templar that will assemble in San Francisco from all parts of the country. Mr. Jennifer, who represents the Promotion Committee in San Francisco, has been sent to Boston to commence work all along the line and Mr. Boyd will get in some hard work on their arrival and induce as many as possible to visit the "Paradise of the Pacific" before returning home.

The Promotion Committee expects a large number of Mystic Shriners from Cleveland to arrive the end of this month for a two weeks' visit. The Oceanic Steamship Co., for these occasions, is offering a \$10 rate for the round trip.

It is possible that after the secret lodge visitation in San Francisco the officer there of the Promotion Committee will be transferred to Los Angeles to double up the work in that section of the country. As Los Angeles is the winter Mecca for tourists the committee believes that all its efforts, if directed there, will accomplish more good than by keeping an office open as well in San Francisco.

FAMOUS JAPANESE SCIENTISTS COMING

Prof. S. Kitasato, the most eminent bacteriologist in Japan, will arrive here on the Coptic, the 23d, en route to St. Louis to attend the Medical Congress. He will be entertained while here by the Japanese Medical Association of Hawaii and probably by white physicians. There will be a reception given in his honor at the Consulate. Two eminent scientists of Japan will accompany Dr. Kitasato.

Few Arrests.

Takunaga, Manoel Alvey, James K. Wright and Oliver Jones were arrested yesterday on charges of assault. The two last were released on their own recognizance. F. Froker was arrested for larceny in the second degree.

Lee Ling Lok, the Chinese charged with the murder of L. T. Chin, a clerk, in the office of W. G. Irwin & Co., died at Oahu jail last night of hemorrhages.

ROBERTSON MAY WIELD THE GAVEL AT THE CONVENTION

Who is to be permanent chairman of the Republican convention at Hilo, is a question which is buzzing about the ears of the delegates from Honolulu. From all accounts it appears that the purpose may be to select National Committeeman A. G. M. Robertson as the permanent chairman, paving the way for his selection as chairman of the Territorial Central Committee, and as such to manage the campaign this fall.

Some of the Honolulu precincts will caucus this week or early the next for the purpose of determining their position on the chairmanship question, and also to determine upon what features they desire to have inserted in the platform of the party.

There is a disposition to have the convention be governed by a temporary chairman from the island of Hawaii. This would be a courtesy to the convention island.

As to the secretaryship the name of W. R. Sims is being advocated by some of the delegates.

National Committeeman Robertson said yesterday that the convention will not be a "paper convention" if there is any way to prevent it. Active members of the party are doing good work at present by inducing delegates to attend the convention in person rather than send proxies.

Although it is yet early to suggest the place where the next convention after Hilo's will be held, Mauians are getting out their silver-tongued orators to advocate Wailuku or Lahaina for the plum. Editor Robertson of the Maui News is unqualifiedly in favor of Wailuku.